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**Film/AV sector regrets that the European Parliament missed the opportunity to make the Internet a safer space for everyone.**

The undersigned organisations representing the creative and business communities of the film and audiovisual sector in Europe regret that the European Parliament plenary vote on the Digital Services Act failed to achieve the stated goal of making internet intermediaries more accountable and creating a safer, better-functioning online environment for everyone. Although the European Parliament intended to broaden the KYBC provision to apply to all online intermediaries, the due diligence obligations remain too weak and narrow. Critical elements, such as the immediate removal of illegal content and an enforceable trusted flagger mechanism should be improved in the upcoming trilogue negotiations.

We encourage the EU co-legislators to show ambition and to ensure that the final DSA does not represent a step backwards neither in terms of the fight against illegal content online, nor by granting additional, unwarranted liability exemptions to online intermediaries.

**The EU institutions should now deliver on the political ambition of ensuring that what is illegal offline is illegal online.**

## Signatories

**ACT** - Association of Commercial Television and VoD Services in Europe  
**AEPO-ARTIS** - European Association of Performers Organisations  
**ANICA** - Associazione Nazionale Industrie Cinematografiche Audiovisive e Digitali  
**Animation Europe** – Federation of Animation Producers Associations  
**CICAE** - International Confederation of Art Cinemas  
**CEPI** - European Audiovisual Production Association  
**CEPIC** - Center of the Picture Industry  
**Eurocinema** - Association de producteurs de cinéma et de télévision  
**Europa Distribution** - European Network of Independent Film Publishers and Distributors  
**Fedicine** - Federación de Distribuidores Cinematográficos  
**FERA** – Federation of European Screen Directors  
**FIA** – International Federation of Actors  
**FIAD** - International Federation of Film Distributors’ and Publishers’ Associations  
**FIAPF** - International Federation of Film Producers Associations  
**FIM** - International Federation of Musicians  
**FSE** – Federation of Screenwriters in Europe  
**GESAC** – The European Authors’ Societies  
**IFTA** – Independent Film & Television Alliance  
**IVF** – International Video Federation  
**Mediapro**  
**MPA** – Motion Picture Association  
**SAA** – Society of Audiovisual Authors  
**SPIO** – Spitzenorganisation der Filmwirtschaft e.V.  
**SROC** - Sports Rights Owners Coalition  
**UNIC** - International Union of Cinemas  
**UNI MEI** - Global Union - Media, Entertainment & Arts  
**Vaunet** – Verband Privater Medien e.V.